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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
OF THE PACIFIC, MARCH 27, 1897, AT 7:30 P. M.

President HUSSEY presided. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following members were duly elected:

LIST OF MEMBERS ELECTED MARCH 27, 1897.

Mr. GEO. M. EDGAR . . . . .	} University P. O., Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama.
Mr. L. L. HAWKINS . . . . .	. 268 Oak St., Portland, Oregon.
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY . . . . .	. Newark, New Jersey.
LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS . . . . .	} Champaign, Illinois.
LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA . . . . .	} Bloomington, Indiana.
Mr. JOHN W. SALSBUURY . . . . .	. Clear Water Harbor, Florida.
Mlle. LE BRUN DE SURVILLE . . . . .	. 3242 Sacramento St., S. F., Cal.
Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR . . . . .	. Walnut St., Brookline, Mass.
Mr. WILLIAM YATES . . . . .	} Box 283, Station C, Los Angeles, Cal.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, On the 12th day of January, 1891, the sum of \$70.89 was paid out of the Alexander Montgomery Library Fund for sixty Comet-Medals, which amount should have been paid out of the DONOHUE Comet-Medal Fund;

*Be it resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to transfer said sum of \$70 89 from the DONOHUE Comet-Medal Fund to the Alexander Montgomery Library Fund. [\*]

The Library Committee presented its report, as follows, and the report was, on motion, adopted and filed:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 27, 1897.

*Board of Directors, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, San Francisco, California:—*

GENTLEMEN—At your meeting of January 30, 1897, the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, The Society possesses a considerable number of valuable books and periodicals that are still unbound; and

"WHEREAS, A considerable portion of the income from the Alexander Montgomery Library Fund remains unexpended; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That the unexpended portion of the accrued interest from this fund be expended:—

"1. For bindings for valuable unbound books and periodicals already in the possession of the Society; and then, if any portion of this income remains unexpended,

"2. For the purchase of additional astronomical books and periodicals; and be it further

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\* It seems proper to say here that the medals in question were bought in Paris, in 1890, by the Chairman of the Comet-Medal Committee. They could not be paid for from the principal of the medal-fund (which can not be impaired), nor from its interest (which was not sufficient). Accordingly, on December 15, 1890, the Chairman wrote to the Treasurer of the Society (Mr. MOLERA) to request that their cost be defrayed, provided the Directors approved, from the *General Fund* (not the Library Fund).

EDWARD S. HOLDEN.

"Resolved, That the President and Library Committee be authorized to carry these provisions into effect."

We beg to report, that by virtue of the authority granted by the above resolutions, we have examined with care the unbound books, periodicals, and pamphlets in possession of the society, and have prepared and sent to the binders 101 volumes.

We have delivered these books to the Hicks-Judd Company, 23 First Street, San Francisco, for binding. Their schedule of prices for this work is given in their letters of March 13, 1897, which are appended to, and made a part of, this report.

In the case of periodicals and works issued in parts, we have found that numbers are sometimes missing. Such volumes have not been sent to the binders. We have written to some of our exchanges for missing numbers; we have ordered the missing numbers of the *Astronomische Nachrichten* from Dr. KREUTZ, Kiel, Germany, the remaining parts of PROCTOR'S *Old and New Astronomy*, from MESSRS. LONGMANS, GREEN & CO., 15 East 16th St., New York City.

From Prof. W. W. PAYNE, Northfield, Minn., we have ordered] Vol. 1 of the *Sidereal Messenger*, to complete our set, and Vols. 1 to 5, inclusive (the last to be sent as issued), of *Popular Astronomy*. The Society already has Vols. 95 to 128 of the *Astronomische Nachrichten*. We have ordered the first ninety-four volumes of this important periodical from F. A. BROCKHAUS, Leipzig, Germany, at a cost (our offer) of \$300.

We have directed all bills to be sent to the Secretary of the Society in San Francisco. We have arranged our orders so as to leave a sufficient balance of the funds available to cover freight and other charges that may yet arise in connection with our purchases.

(Signed) W. J. HUSSEY,  
President A. S. P.  
E. J. MOLERA,  
ROSE O'HALLORAN,  
CHAS. BURCKHALTER.

I wish to go on record that the ninety-four vols., *A. N.*, were bought without my knowledge, and I would not have consented to such a large expenditure. C. B.

#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MARCH 27, 1897.

The meeting was called to order by President HUSSEY. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Secretary read the names of new members duly elected at the Directors' meeting.

The following papers were presented:

1. Address of the retiring President, by Prof. W. J. HUSSEY.
2. Reports of Committees: on Nominations; on the Comet-Medal; on Auditing; and Annual Report of the Treasurer.
3. Astronomical Observations made in 1896, by Mr. TORVALD KÖHL, of Odder, Denmark.
4. Predictions for the Solar Eclipse of July 29, 1897, for Mt. Hamilton and San Francisco, by Mr. C. D. PERRINE.
5. Planetary Phenomena for May and June, 1897, by Prof. M. MCNEILL, of Lake Forest, Illinois.
6. Ephemeris for physical observations of the Moon for certain dates between 1890 and 1895, by A. MARTIN, F. R. A. S., of Markree, Ireland.